सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) दूरदर्शन के अनुसार पूरे वर्ष के लिए कार्यक्रमों की सूची पहले से तैयार नहीं की जाती ।

(ख) यह सवाल पैदा ही नहीं होता।

Prices of drug formulations

*232. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3111 given in Rajya Sabha on 19-12-1991 and state:

(a) when were the prices of formulations based on revised price of phenobarbitone announced during the current financial year;

(b) what was the rate of phenobarbitone adopted in fixing the prices of formulations of M|s. Bayar and M|.s Rhone Poulance;

(c) on what basis this rate was arrived at; and

(d) why the rate of 4 tonnes of domestic production is being used while pricing the formulations of 30 tonnes of formulations of this drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The prices of formulations based on current price of bulk drug Phenobarbitone have not been received so far.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Feed-stock for new fertiliser plants

*233. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an anticipated shortage of feed-stock for new fertiliser plants;

(b) what is the anticipated shortage of feed-stock during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(c) what are the fertiliser plants in Andhra Pradesh which would be affected; and

(d) what are the plans to use offshore gas as feed-stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Gas is the preferred feedstock for new nitrogenous fertilizer plants and a shortage thereof is anticipated.

(b) As against 12.10 million cubic metres per day of gas required to meet the production of ammonia|urea envisaged during the VIII Plan period, the present allocation to the fertilizer sector is 4.10 million cubic metres per day.

(c) Of the two small sized ammonia|urea plants of 450 tonnes per day|800 tonnes per day capacity, envisaged to be set up in Andhra Pradesh in the proposals for the VIII Plan, present allocation is for one unit.

(d) The following fertilizer plants are based on offshore gas:—

(i) the twin plants each at Thal and Hazira,

(ii) the fertilizer plant of Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers at Trombay; and

(iii) the ammonia plant of Deepak Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. at Taloja.

Besides, offshore gas through the HBJ pipeline has been allocated for the proposed doubling of the capacities of the Vijaipur and Aonla plants. Plans for settnig up fertilizer plants based on new finds of off-shore gas will depend on confirmation of availability.